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The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

This inquiry is addressed to you not only because of your present position but also because of the former one you held when you served as a member of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy. My question concerns the transcript of the January 27, 1964 executive session and a particular point of information contained in it. Allthough you were not presnet, perhaps you could help to resolve the matter.

On January 12, 1970, I wrote to the Commandant of the United States Marine Corps concerning an allegation that Oswald had been given instruction in the Russian language while in the military service. The reply from the Judge Advocate Division stated that such was not the case. However, I recently read a copy of the transcript for the January 27, 1964 session which was released by the National Archives a year previously. On page 192 of that transcript, General Counsel J. Lee Rankin makes the statement "....we are trying to run that down to find out what he (Oswald) studied at the Monterey School of the Army. " This would seem to be the Defense Language Institute, Presidio of Monterey.

In an effort to resolve this conflicting information, I again wrote to the Marine Corps, enclosing copies of the relevant pages of that transcript. Once more, the Marine Corps denied that Oswald received any language instruction while in the service. Obviously, someone is in serious error. I feel certain that Mr. Rankin did not conjure up such information and yet the published military record does not contain any mention of Oswald having attended any such school.

I appreciate the press of your official duties and realize that such a matter will probably wind up in the hands of aides for whatever reply maybe forth comming. However, I would hope to have an answer less sterile than that received from the Marine Corps.

Sincerely,

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